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1. CERTAIN DATA REQUESTED IN REFTEL NOT AVAILABLE AT POST. EMBASSY OBTAINED SPECIFIC INFORMATION NEEDED BY DEPART SO FAR AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO FILL IN GAPS ON REFINERY DATA THROUGH DEDUCTION.

2. PARA A, REFTEL: NO CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION IN SINGAPORE.

3. PARA B,REFTEL: NO EXPORT OR RE-EXPORT OF CRUDE OIL LISTED IN OFFICIAL SINGAPORE TRADE STATISTICS. FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN OF EXPORT OF REFINED PRODUCTS FOR JANUARY 1973:
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US DOL 1.00 EQUALS SINGAPORE DOL 2.50

DESTINATION	VALUE SINGAPORE DOL
SOUTH VIETNAM	202 MILLION
JAPAN	188 MILLION
HONG KONG	140 MILLION
THAILAND	96 MILLION
W. MALAYSIA	89 MILLION
AUSTRALIA	69 MILLION
U.S.	46 MILLION
OTHER COUNTRIES	125 MILLION
TOTAL:	955 MILLION

COMPLETE STATISTICS POUCHED. JANUARY 22.

4. PARA C, REFTEL: IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL FOR PERIOD JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1973:

SOURCE	QUANTITY (METRIC TONS)
KUWAIT	4,619,321
SAUDI ARABIA	4,182,939
IRAN	3,577,464
TRUCIAL OMAN	1,522,564
SARAWAK	1,445,688
IRAQ	657,158
OTHER	426,260
TOTAL	16,451,385

IMPORT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1973:

SOURCE	VALUE SINGAPORE DOL
SAUDI ARABIA	78 MILLION
SARAWAK	73 MILLION
IRAN	54 MILLION
BAHREIN	52 MILLION
KUWAIT	38 MILLION
OTHER	77 MILLION
TOTAL:	372 MILLION

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5. PARA D, REFTEL: REFINERY DATA (FROM INDUSTRY SOURCES)

A. BRITISH PETROLEUM - CAPACITY IS 25,000 B/D BUT PRESENTLY OPENING AT APPROX. 22,000 B/D. CRUDE OIL COMES ENTIRELY FROM MIDDLE EAST. BP EXPORTS ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION TO JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA,

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MAINLY FUEL OIL. ANOTHER 40 PERCENT OF OUTPUT
IS FOR SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIAN MARKETS. SUPPLY STOCKS
ARE UNKNOWN BUT BP OFFICIAL SAYS THEY HAVE NOT CHANGED
SIGNIFICANTLY DURING OIL CRISIS.

B. SHELL - PRESENT CAPACITY IS APPROX. 380,000 B/D.
NEW EXPANSION WILL RAISE THIS TO 550,000 B/D BY END OF
1974. NOW OPERATING AT AROUND 10 PERCENT BELOW CAPACITY.
MIDEAST IS MAJOR SOURCE OF CRUDE, PRIMARILY KUWAIT
AND IRAN. ALSO MAY IMPORT SOME CRUDE FROM SARAWAK.
MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS ARE SOUTH VIETNAM, HONG KONG AND
JAPAN, PROBABLY IN THAT ORDER. TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY
EXCEEDS TWO MILLION TONS BUT LEVEL OF STOCKS NOW IS
UNOBTAINABLE.

C. ESSO - PRESENT CAPACITY IS 180,000 B/D WHICH CAN BE
INCREASED TO 230,000 B/D. HOWEVER ONLY THE ORIGINAL
80,000 B/D PLANT IS IN OPERATION. ESSO IMPORTS
85-90 PERCENT OF ITS CRUDE FROM ARAMCO (SAUDI
ARABIA), REMAINDER FROM INDONESIA. DOMESTIC MARKET,
INCLUDING BUNKERS, ABSORBS 20 PERCENT OF REFINERY
OUTPUT. HONG KONG IS BIGGEST EXPORT MARKET FOLLOWED
BY JANPAN, VIETNAM AND THAILAND. AVERAGE STOCK
OF CRUDE AND PRODUCT ON HAND IN EARLY JANUARY WAS
FIVE TO SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS.

D. SPC - REFINERY CAPACITY IS 65,000 B/D PRESENTLY
RUNNING AT ABOUT 55,000 B/D. CRUDE BELIEVED TO BE
MOSTLY FROM KUWAIT AND TRUCIAL OMAN. AROUND 65
PERCENT OF THEIR PRODUCTION IS EXPORTED TO JAPAN, THAILAND
AND HONG KONG. THEY ALSO PROVIDE SHIP BUNKERS IN
SINGAPORE.

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E. MOBIL - THEIR CAPACITY IS 175,000 B/D, BUT THEY
ARE OPERATING AT ONLY ONE-THIRD OF CAPACITY. MOBIL'S
CRUDE COMES FROM SAUDI ARABIA (50-60 PERCENT), IRAN
(25-30 PERCENT) AND THE REST FROM OTHER GULF STATES.
APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THEIR OUTPUT GOES TO THE
SINGAPORE MARKET. ALAYSIA IS THEIR PRIMARY EXPORT
MARKET FOLLOWED BY HONG KONG, AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA,
THAILAND AND VARIOUS PACIFIC ISLANDS. THEIR AVERAGE
JANUARY STOCK LEVELS WERE 100-120,000 TONS OF CRUDE AND
A SLIGHTLY HIGHER AMOUNT OF REFINED PRODUCTS.

6. PARA E, REFTEL: TOTAL STOCKS OF CRUDE ON HAND IN
STORAGE IN JANUARY WAS 800,000 TO ONE MILLION TONS
ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIAL. STOCKS
OF REFINED PRODUCTS ON HAND AT ANY GIVEN TIME ARE LIKELY

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TO BE THE SAME OR HIGHER BUT NO RELIABLE FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE.
COMMENT: FIGURES ON STOCKS OF CRUDE AND REFINED
PRODUCTS GIVEN IN CABLE ARE ALL SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE AND
SHOULD NOT BE FREELY DISSEMINATED. (END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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7. IN 1972 SINGAPORE REFINERY PRODUCTION WAS 189.2 MILLION
BARRELS, WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

	BARRELS
EXPORT	139.2 MILLION
LOCAL:	
BUNKER	

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